

The Don Wallace Museum

Amateur Radio has enriched your life. It may even have contributed to your education or career. Now you can help preserve and perpetuate those positive influences you gained from Amateur Radio.

The new Don Wallace Museum will be a repository of antique and modern radio communications apparatus, especially that of pioneer radio amateur Don C. Wallace, W6AM, and the many commercial, civil and military users who call the Palos Verdes Peninsula of Southern California "home."

The museum will be built on the original W6AM site, 22 miles southwest of downtown Los Angeles. Plans call for exhibits illustrating W6AM's amateur radio operations, his site predecessor Press Wireless, and many of the other users of this world-famous locale. Other exhibits will be scale models of Rhombic, Yagi and dish antennas; radio equipment from 1932 and 1984 Olympic games will dramatize the advances in communications technology



The late Don C. Wallace at the operating position of W6AM.

in the intervening years; a fully operational amateur station will demonstrate the latest voice and digital technologies and be the source of West Coast ARRL transmissions, complementing W1AW in the east. The museum will have emergency power and be the hub of Peninsula Disaster Communications Services.

Other displays will explain the mystery of radio and television and highlight progress since "wireless" was discovered.

Because of the commanding position of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, an area of some 25 square miles and an average altitude of some 500 feet above sea level, a multitude of users have chosen it to be the site of their radio operations. Los Angeles County Sheriff, the US Coast Guard, US Air Force, FAA, Pacific Bell Telephone, Commercial TV services with their satellite dishes, and hundreds of amateur radio operators are also located there. Many of these services, too, will be highlighted in displays at the museum.

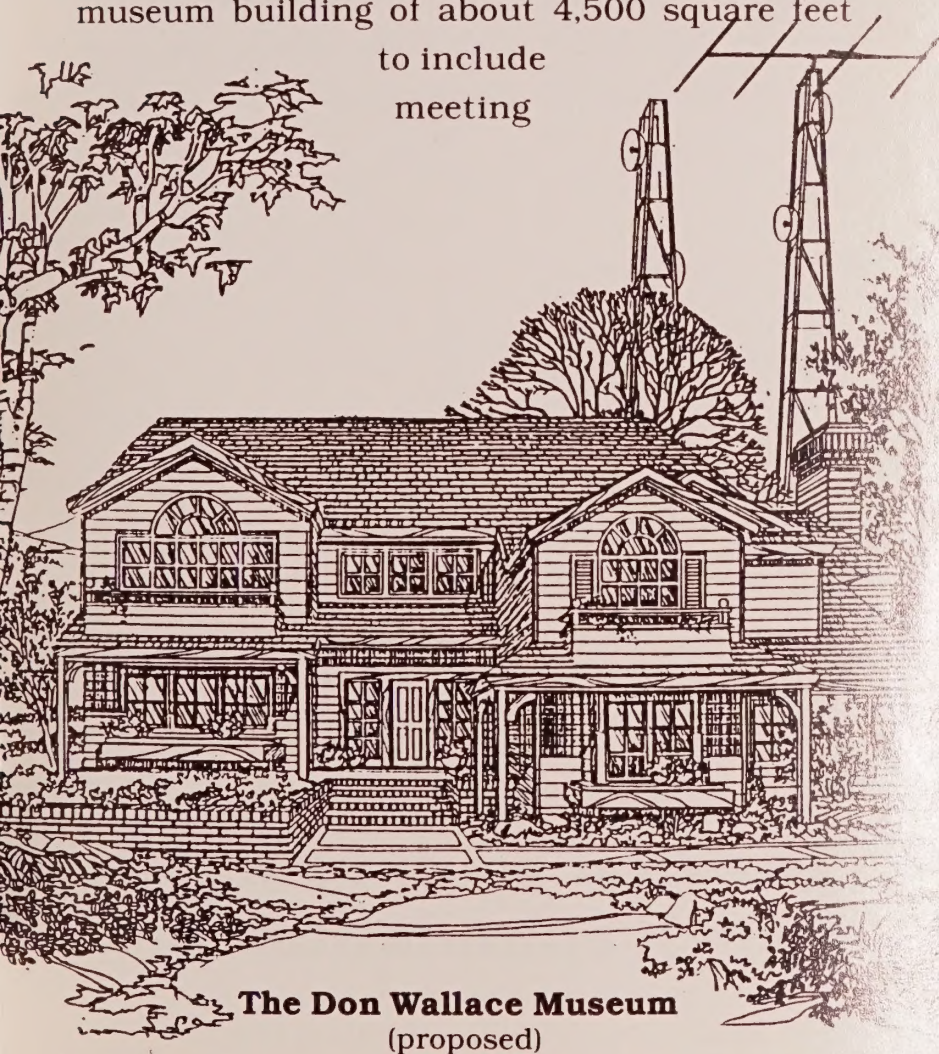
The museum site itself was first used by Press Wireless for overseas communications reception and used the premier antenna yet developed, the diamond-shaped Rhombic. Press Wireless handled news and military messages from 1938 to 1946, including all of World War II.

In 1947, pioneer amateur radio operator Don Wallace purchased the entire 126 acre complex from the Vanderlip family, who had leased it to

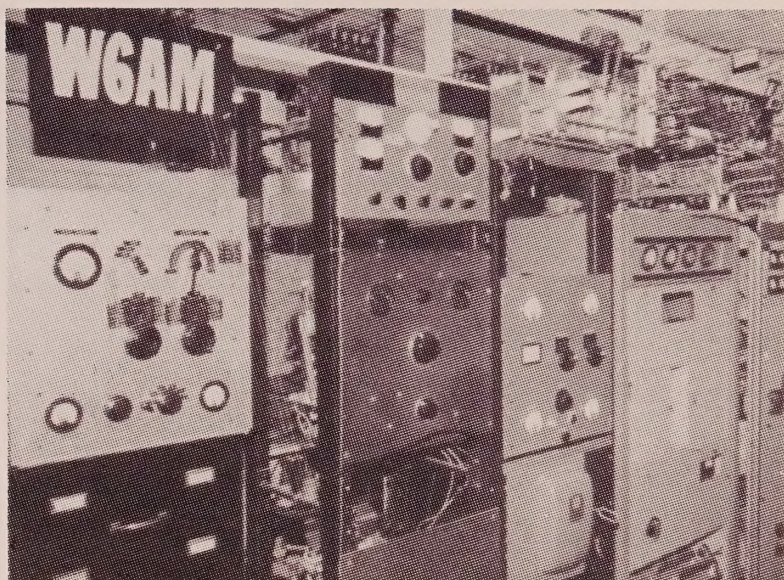


Press Wireless. He expanded the antenna "farm" to include 22 Rhombics to all directions of the globe. A complex switching system further allowed each antenna to work either toward one end of the diamond or the other. The wires were on utility poles, some as high as 140 feet, and most at 80 feet.

Following the death of Don Wallace in 1985, the last of 24 acres were sold by the Wallace estate to a residential developer who is building a luxury home subdivision. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has taken title to 30,000 square feet of this property as a new city park devoted exclusively as the setting for this new museum. The developer will construct a museum building of about 4,500 square feet to include meeting



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(proposed)



and conference rooms. This generosity carried with it the proviso that adequate funding be gathered to develop the museum interior furnishings, provide the radio and computer electronic systems, construct exhibits, pay utilities and finance continuing operations.

The planned fully operational amateur radio station will demonstrate the latest in communications equipment and technology. Visitors will have the opportunity to observe the thrill of world-wide communications including conversations relayed through orbiting amateur radio satellites.

The planned exhibits will reveal in voice and animation the fascinating mystique of "wireless," satellites, and digital communications.

Other radio users of the Palos Verdes

Peninsula will be highlighted in displays of their own particular function. Radio Communications, in all its aspects, will be the theme of the Museum.



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The Don Wallace Museum is believed to be the first and only museum devoted to so many facets of radio communications. It's an ambitious undertaking that needs the support of generous hams across the USA to be a success. Our goal is \$300,000 to complete the necessary features.

The Don Wallace Radio Ranch Foundation, Inc. has been created to bring this museum to reality. The Foundation is a non-profit, public benefit corporation jointly sponsored by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club and concerned citizens. It will be supported by tax-deductible contributions from a broad range of national and local corporate and individual sponsors, and, of course, concerned hams everywhere. The benefits of each category of donor is described elsewhere in this brochure.

The Foundation's Honorary Chairman is the Honorable Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, while the operational Chairman is Joe Locascio, K5KT. If you need more information call Joe at (213) 541-5495 or write.

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